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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 06-150 (700 MHz Service Rules); PS Docket No. 06-229 (700 MHz Public Safety Network);

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 3, 2010, Mark A. Stachiw of MetroPCS Communications, Inc. (“MetroPCS”), along with Carl W. Northrop of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP (“Paul Hastings”), participated in a meeting with Admiral James Barnett, David Furth, Jeff Cohen, Erika Olsen and Jennifer Manner regarding the above-referenced proceedings. The oral presentations in this meeting were consistent with the pleadings and *ex partes* filed on behalf of MetroPCS in the above-referenced proceedings, as further supplemented below.

During this conference, MetroPCS advocated that the Commission allocate the D-Block spectrum for commercial use as soon as possible. MetroPCS reiterated its belief that the Commission should use incentives, rather than obligations, to encourage private entities to partner with the public safety community for the creation of a nationwide, interoperable broadband network.

MetroPCS also advocated that, if the Commission does conduct a D-Block auction that contemplates a public-private partnership with public safety interests, any such auction include a mechanism for a prompt follow-on auction in which the D-Block spectrum is offered for purely commercial use, in the event that no qualified public-private partnership bidder emerges in the course of the auction. Such a mechanism would allow the D-Block spectrum to be devoted to commercial use – where there remains substantial unsatisfied demand.

Kindly refer any questions in connection with this letter to the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl W. Northrop', written in a cursive style.

Carl W. Northrop
of PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP

cc: (via email) Admiral James Barnett
David Furth
Jeff Cohen
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